[*English*]

**Rate of School Drop-Outs among Girls**

4391. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of school drop-outs is very high among girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has set a proposal to provide Central assistance to implement 'Attendance Scholarship Scheme' in desert and tribal dominated areas of the State in this regard;

(d) if so, the amount of assistance provided for the scheme during the current financial year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the latest information available the drop-out rate in classes I-VIII during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given in the statement attached. Some of the main reasons for girls dropping out of school are:

(i) They are required to work to complement the family income or otherwise assist their parents.

(ii) Reluctance of parents to send girls to schools.

(iii) Curriculum is not related to the local needs.

(c) This Deptt. is not aware of any such proposal.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

**STATEMENT**

*Drop-out Rates for Girls in Classes I-VIII*

| *State/Ut.'s* | *1985-86* | *1986-87* | *1987-88* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 80.08 | 85.14 | 77.01 |
| Assam | 70.96 | 73.20 | 74.45 |
| Bihar | 85.90 | 84.68 | 84.19 |
| Gujarat | 72.96 | 67.90 | 67.69 |
| Haryana | 52.50 | 48.30 | 48.22 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 39.35 | 31.04 | 34.42 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 63.64 | 57.37 | 58.51 |
| Karnataka | 78.29 | 77.60 | 72.07 |

| *State/Ut.'s* | *1985-86* | *1986-87* | *1987-88* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kerala | 15.66 | 18.32 | 15.00 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 67.46 | 69.79 | 66.65 |
| Maharashtra | 73.35 | 72.15 | 68.01 |
| Manipur | 77.89 | 80.51 | 87.86 |
| Meghalaya | 69.45 | 86.87 | 61.61 |
| Nagaland | 56.82 | 79.21 | 55.13 |
| Orissa | 69.65 | 74.05 | 71.25 |
| Punjab | 69.27 | 67.73 | 67.26 |
| Rajasthan | 71.20 | 69.83 | 76.82 |
| Sikkim | 73.57 | 65.37 | 60.11 |
| Tamil Nadu | 58.72 | 55.23 | 53.14 |
| Tripura | 65.50 | 71.30 | 75.96 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 66.70 | 64.20 | 63.34 |
| West Bengal | 74.46 | 79.57 | 76.91 |
| A & N Island | 41.66 | 41.27 | 39.59 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 79.15 | 75.53 | 75.91 |
| Chandigarh | 23.42 | 16.27 | 13.01 |
| D & N Haveli | 81.73 | 75.00 | 70.52 |
| Delhi | 35.68 | 30.06 | 24.20 |
| Goa Daman & Diu | 42.00 | 32.81 | • |
| Lakshadweep | 40.81 | 46.94 | 56.82 |
| Mizoram | 40.82 | 77.08 | 42.49 |

| *State/Ut.'s* | *1985-86* | *1986-87* | *1987-88* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pondicherry | 33.64 | 24.29 | 31.52 |
| India | 70.04 | 70.16 | 67.55 |
| * Goa | | 27.63 | |
| Daman & Diu | | 27.97 | |

*For Class I to to VIII*

Drop-out rates at Middle State during the year = Enrolment in Calls I Preceding 7 years – Enrolment in Class VIII during the year X 100 Enrolment in class I preceding 7 years.

[*Translation*]

**New Train Between Delhi and Aurangabad**

4392. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manmad-Aurangabad railway line has completely been converted into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the names of new trains likely to be introduced on this route;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce a new train between Delhi and Aurangabad for promotion of tourism;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following Broad Gauge services have already been introduced/extended on Aurangabad-Manmad-Daund-Pune-Bombay section:–

I. Aurangabad-Manmad-Bombay Section:– 1351/1352 Bombay-Aurangabad Passenger/Express.

II. Aurangabad-Manmad-Daund-Pune Section:– 1321/1322 Pune-Manmad passenger and 1603/1604 Daund-Manmad Passenger trains have been extended upto Aurangabad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Operational and resource constraints.

**Construction of Tunnel on Roha-Dasgaon**

4393. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the tunnel being constructed on Roha-Dasgaon by Konkan